

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 288

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A RESOLUTION to honor the Mount Pisgah Christian Academy Lady Patriots on winning their second consecutive state championship.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pay tribute to those exemplary student athletes who have attained the pinnacle of competition, thus bringing honor and acclaim to the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Mount Pisgah Christian Academy Lady Patriots, coached by Andrew Walls, epitomize excellence both on and off the basketball court; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Patriots enjoyed remarkable success and a storybook ending to their season, as they won their second consecutive Tennessee Athletic Association of Christian Schools Class A State Championship; and

WHEREAS, many thought this would be a rebuilding season for Coach Walls and Mount Pisgah because the team had lost four starters from last year's championship team to graduation, and a sophomore was the most experienced returning player; and

WHEREAS, they proved their critics wrong; focusing on defense and rebounding, the Lady Patriots used hard work and discipline to once again win a state championship; and

WHEREAS, after receiving a first-round bye in the state tourney, the Lady Patriots blasted Seymour Community Christian School 46-18 in the semifinals behind 15 points and 4 rebounds from Nicole Bias, 10 points from Emily Loy, and 8 points and 9 rebounds from Adyson Walls; and

WHEREAS, in the championship tilt, Mt. Pisgah survived a torrid third-quarter comeback from the Lady Seahawks of Cedar View Christian School to emerge victorious 49-38 and claim championship laurels for the second consecutive season; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Patriots are champions today because of the outstanding play of Emily Loy (13 points, 6 rebounds, 4 assists, and 3 steals), Adyson Walls (12 points, 12 rebounds, and 3 assists), Emily Bias (10 points, 4 rebounds, 4 assists, and 5 steals), and Nicole Bias (9 points and 5 rebounds) in the finals; and

WHEREAS, all four of these gifted athletes were named All-Tournament, and Adyson Walls was honored as Most Valuable Player; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Lady Patriots' state championship squad are Adyson Walls, Emily Bias, Emily Loy, Tori Webster, Anna Weir, Kylie Goodman, Hadley Walls, Nicole Bias, and Carlee Foster; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Patriots were blessed with the talent and motivational skills of head coach Andrew Walls; and

WHEREAS, the entire Oliver Springs community is very proud of the Lady Patriots and their magical championship season and so are the members of this General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate the Mount Pisgah Christian Academy Lady Patriots on capturing their second consecutive Tennessee Athletic Association of Christian Schools Class A State Championship and extend to them our best wishes for much continued success next season.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.